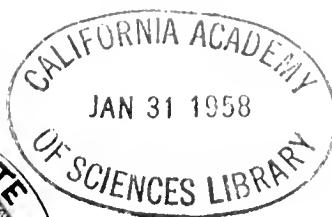


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### DECEMBER TRIP TO CONN LAKE

A 21 car caravan from the Golden Gate and Mt. Diablo Audubon Societies enjoyed a beautiful day along with wonderful birding on December 8th in the Conn Lake area.

The highlight was a huge number of Wood Ducks seen on a bay near the north shore of the reservoir. An estimate of over 400 was agreed to by Harry Adamson. A few of us had previously seen as many as 10 in one day.

Large numbers of Band-tailed Pigeons, several Lewis' Woodpeckers and two Rock Wrens were also seen.

The following 87 species were seen: Common Loon; Horned, Eared, Western and Pied-billed Grebe; Cormorant; Great Blue Heron; Black-crowned Night Heron; Bittern; Whistling Swan; Canada Goose; White-fronted and Snow Goose; Mallard, Gadwall and Pintail Duck; Green-winged Teal; Shoveler; American Widgeon; Wood and Redhead Duck; Ring-necked and Canvasback Duck; Lesser Scaup; Bufflehead; Ruddy Duck; Hooded and Common Merganser; Turkey Vulture; Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered Hawk; Marsh Hawk; Am. Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk); California Quail; Ring-necked Pheasant; American Coot; Killdeer; California and Ring-billed Gull; Band-tailed Pigeon; Mourning Dove; Anna's Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Red-shafted Flicker; Acorn and Lewis' Woodpecker; Nuttall's Woodpeckers; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Black and Say's Phoebe; Tree Swallow; Steller's and Scrub Jay; Crow; Titmouse; Bushtit; White-breasted Nuthatch; Creeper; Wrentit; Bewick's and Rock Wren; Robin; Varied and Hermit Thrush; Western Bluebird; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Water Pipit; Cedar Waxwing; Loggerhead Shrike; Audubon's Warbler; House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark; Red-winged Blackbird; Brewer's Blackbird; Purple and House Finch; American and Lesser Goldfinch; Rufous-sided and Brown Towhee; Lark Sparrow; Oregon Junco; White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Song Sparrow.

—CARLYLE SATHER, *Leader and Historian*.

## SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 22, 1957. Clear, sunny, wind six miles per hour, northerly, temperature 48 to 52°. Areas covered: Marina and Fine Arts; McLaren Park and Bayshore; Land's End and Lincoln Park; Golden Gate Park; Lake Merced and Fleishhaker; Twin Peaks and Stern Grove, City College and Laguna Honda Home; Seal Rocks and Ocean Beach; Presidio; San Francisco Waterfront—wharves and bay; Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands; smaller city parks; Marin shoreline of Golden Gate.

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
LOON, Common .....	3	SANDPIPER, Spotted .....	1
Arctic .....	6	TATTLER, Wanderling .....	4
Red-throated .....	31	Willet .....	86
GREBE, Red-throated (Holboell's) .....	1	SANDPIPER, Western .....	200
Horned .....	29	GODWIT, Marbled .....	6
Eared .....	37	Sanderling .....	617
Western .....	1239	AVOCET, American .....	9
Pied-billed .....	78	GULL, Glaucous-winged .....	259
PELICAN, White .....	30	Western .....	545
Brown .....	16	Herring .....	85
CORMORANT, Double-cr. ....	255	California .....	1710
Brandt's .....	191	Ring-billed .....	461
Pelagic (Baird's) .....	59	Mew (Short-billed) .....	1311
HERON, Great Blue .....	4	Bonaparte's .....	60
EGRET, Common (American) .....	1	Heermann's .....	25
Snowy .....	1	Unidentified .....	790
HERON, Green .....	1	MURRE, Common (California) .....	4
Black-crowned Night .....	2	MURRELET, Ancient .....	1
SWAN, Whistling .....	1	PIGEON, Band-tailed .....	100
MALLARD .....	666	DOVE, Mourning .....	140
WIDGEON, American .....	673	OWL, Great (Horned) .....	1
Pintail .....	26	HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's .....	138
TEAL, Green-winged .....	1	Allen's .....	1
Shoveler .....	22	KINGFISHER, Belted .....	2
Redhead .....	1	FLICKER, Red-shafted .....	97
DUCK, Ring-necked .....	2	WOODPECKER, Acorn (California) .....	3
Canvasback .....	63	SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied .....	4
SCAUP, Greater .....	80	WOODPECKER, Downy .....	10
Lesser .....	46	PHOEBE, Black .....	34
Bufflehead .....	2	Say's .....	1
GOLDENEYE, Common .....	3	LARK, Horned .....	8
Oldsquaw .....	2	JAY, Scrub (California) .....	11
SCOTER, White-winged .....	11	RAVEN, Common (American) .....	6
Surf .....	142	CHICKADEE, Chestnut-backed .....	90
DUCK, Ruddy .....	420	BUSHTIT, Common .....	123
MERGANSER, Red-breasted .....	5	NUTHATCH, Redbreasted .....	32
Identified ducks .....	100	CREEPER, Brown .....	11
HAWK, Sharp-shinned .....	1	Wrentit .....	1
Cooper's .....	2	WREN, Winter .....	8
Red-tailed .....	9	Bewick's .....	6
Red-shouldered .....	1	Long-billed Marsh .....	2
Kestrel, Am. (Sparrow Hawk) .....	26	Mockingbird .....	1
QUAIL, California .....	173	ROBIN, (Western) .....	859
GALLINULE, Common (Florida) .....	1	THRUSH, Varied .....	30
COOT, American .....	1127	Hermit .....	60
Killdeer .....	111	BLUEBIRD, Western .....	2
TURNSTONE, Ruddy .....	2	KINGLET, Ruby-crowned .....	77
Black .....	16	PIPIT, Water (American) .....	103

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
WAXWING, Cedar .....	14	FINCH, Purple .....	2
SHRIKE, Loggerhead (California) .....	6	House .....	526
VIREO, Hutton's .....	10	SISKIN, Pine .....	44
WARBLER, Myrtle .....	2	GOLDFINCH, Lesser .....	3
Audubon's .....	202	TOWHEE, Rufous-sided (Spotted) .....	29
Townsend's .....	3	JUNCO, Oregon .....	423
Yellowthroat .....	12	SPARROW, White-crowned .....	794
SPARROW, House .....	602	Golden-crowned .....	117
MEADOWLARK, Western .....	153	White-throated .....	1
BLACKBIRD, Brewer's .....	1037	Fox .....	152
		Song .....	73

GRAND TOTALS: Individuals, 18,059; Species, 114; Observers, 38; miles by car, 121; miles on foot, 32; hours by car, 38; hours on foot, 75.

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## OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 29, 1957. Although much of the area was blanketed in dense fog for all or most of the day, 86,511 birds representing 135 species were unable to escape being seen, or heard by 61 intent observers.

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
LOON, Red-throated .....	6	GOLDENEYE, Common .....	146
GREBE, Red-necked .....	1	Bufflehead .....	64
Horned .....	37	SCOTER, White-winged .....	39
Eared .....	108	Surf .....	316
Western .....	44	DUCK, Ruddy .....	2758
Pied-billed .....	73	MERGANSEr, Hooded .....	8
PELICAN, White .....	12	Common .....	9
CORMORANT, Double-cr. ....	122	Red-breasted .....	20
Brandt's .....	4	HAWK, Sharp-shinned .....	3
HERON, Great Blue .....	12	Cooper's .....	2
EGRET, Common .....	91	Red-tailed .....	17
Snowy .....	48	KESTREL, American .....	58
HERON, Green A.C.* .....	1	QUAIL, California .....	238
Black-crowned Night .....	38	RAIL, Clapper .....	1
GOOSE, Canada .....	82	Virginia .....	2
Mallard .....	252	COOT, American .....	1865
Pintail .....	340	PLOVER, Semipalmated .....	6
TEAL, Green-winged .....	71	Snowy .....	34
Shoveler .....	65	Kildeer .....	192
WIDGEON, American .....	720	PLOVER, Black-bellied .....	775
Redhead .....	3	TURNSTONE, Ruddy .....	5
DUCK, Ring-necked .....	63	Black .....	15
Canvasback .....	28623	CURLEW, Long-billed .....	28
SCAUP, Greater 7225 SP? .....	6	Whimbrel .....	7
Lesser .....	13	SANDPIPER, Spotted .....	3

Species	Totals	Species	Totals
Willet .....	1411	CREEPER, Brown .....	2
YELLOWLEGS, Greater .....	16	Wrentit .....	97
SANDPIPER, Least .....	575	WREN, Winter .....	4
Dunlin .....	4209	Bewick's .....	23
DOWITCHER SP? .....	344	Mockingbird .....	23
SANDPIPER, Western .....	4566	THRASHER, California .....	14
GODWIT, Marbled .....	565	ROBIN .....	20054
Sanderling .....	689	THRUSH, Varied .....	308
AVOCET, American .....	1491	Hermit .....	126
GULL, Glaucous-winged .....	1908	BLUEBIRD, Western .....	53
Western .....	254	KINGLET, Ruby-crowned .....	56
Herring .....	12	PIPIT, Water .....	186
California .....	379	WAXWING, Cedar .....	500
Ring-billed .....	512	SHRIKE, Loggerhead .....	22
Mew .....	339	WARBLER, Myrtle .....	4
Bonaparte's .....	397	Audubon's .....	99
TERN, Forster's .....	68	Townsend's .....	1
PIGEON, Band-tailed .....	41	SPARROW, House .....	1324
DOVE, Mourning .....	245	MEADOWLARK, Western .....	380
OWL, Barn .....	7	BLACKBIRD, Redwinged .....	465
Screech .....	2	BLACKBIRD, Brewer's .....	565
Great Horned .....	12	COWBIRD, Brown-headed .....	12
Burrowing .....	1	TANAGER, Western, Mrs. G.H. * .....	1
Short-eared .....	3	FINCH, Purple .....	34
Saw-whet AC * .....	3	House .....	1387
HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's .....	84	SISKIN, Pine .....	297
KINGFISHER, Belted .....	3	GOLDFINCH, American .....	8
FLICKER, Red-shafted .....	184	Lesser .....	154
WOODPECKER, Acorn .....	34	TOWHEE, Rufous-sided .....	81
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied .....	10	Brown .....	441
WOODPECKER, Hairy .....	3	SPARROW, Savannah .....	74
Downy .....	10	Lark .....	4
Nuttall's .....	13	Rufous-crowned .....	2
Phoebe, Black .....	11	JUNCO, Oregon .....	1274
Say's .....	1	SPARROW, White-crowned .....	1024
LARK, Horned .....	34	Golden-crowned .....	383
JAY, Steller's .....	102	White-throated .....	3
Scrub .....	293	Fox .....	60
MAGPIE, Yellow-billed .....	1	Lincoln's .....	3
CROW, Common .....	5	Song .....	83
CHICKADEE, Chestnut-backed .....	92	Unidentified Ducks .....	3000
TITMOUSE, Plain .....	101	Unidentified Gulls .....	2000
BUSHTIT, Common .....	356	Slate-colored Juncos (12-28) .....	2
NUTHATCH, White-breasted .....	23	Turkey Vulture (12-24) .....	1
Red-breasted .....	25		

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

The 484th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held, Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Main Library in San Francisco, Larkin Street at McAllister. *Take No. 5 bus on Market Street.*

Our speaker will be Carol Green Wilson, (Mrs. George O. Wilson), popular lecturer, author and photographer. Mrs. Wilson has just returned from a trip around the world. From her many pictures she is selecting a special group for Audubon—plants, gardens, animals. She is the author of "Gump's Treasure House" and "Alice Eastwood's Wonderland". A most interesting evening is assured. Come and bring a friend.

—BONNIE SMITH, *Program Chairman*

NOTE: A no-host dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market St., (near the library) will precede the meeting. Everyone welcome. Moderate prices. Six p.m.

OBSERVATIONS — Five Western Evening Grosbeaks, two males, three females in our backyard feeding on locust seeds, January 8, 1958—HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Lafayette*.

DISPLAY THE AUDUBON EMBLEM — All Audubon members are urged to obtain from National Audubon outlets, the attractive arm bands and blue window stickers both with the showy flying egret. Use of these emblems will greatly assist mutual recognition of members and members' cars on field trips. California Audubonites should be aware, however, that the Motor Vehicle Code prohibits any stickers on the rear windows of vehicles but permits them to be placed on the lower, right-hand corner of windshields or on side windows to the rear of driver if placed so as not to interfere with his vision to side or rear. However, the cloth patches may be worn on the sleeve or on any other suitable area of clothing without fear of legal penalty!

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Alameda, Mr. Henry W. Turk; from Angwin, Mr. O. C. Durham; from Berkeley, Miss Grace C. Steinbeck, Mrs. Lily Zingarelli, Mr. Edward Ormondroyd, Miss Rosalin Stuart, Miss Rachel E. Wright; from Oakland, Mr. Herman Blau, Miss Phyllis E. Anderson, Mrs. Ella P. Simens, Miss Marion C. Murdoch and Mrs. William J. Freeling; from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Little and Miss Esther S. Hollenbeck; from St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. W. M. Cummings.

—JEAN L. DUNHAM, M.D., *Membership Chairman*.

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## FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 9, to RITCHIE RANCH AREA, NEAR LODI. Meet at 9:30 A.M., in the town of Thornton which is reached by turning south from Walnut Grove on the Sacramento River Road, Route 24. Distance to Thornton about 80 miles. Allow 2½ hours driving. Warm clothing recommended as valley is cooler than bay area at this season. Good views of cranes, geese, swans and many other species of both land and water birds were had last year. Leader, Phil Smith, LO 9-9451.

On Saturday, February 22, to SAN FRANCISCO ZOO AND BEACH. Meet at north entrance to Fleishhacker Zoo, on Sloat Blvd., at 9:15 A.M. Also, a circuit of Lake Merced may be made to see a variety of waterbirds, Marsh Wren and, probably, Townsend's Warbler and Allen's Hummingbird which are common here at this season. Leader, Charles Hines, OV 1-0935.

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

## SPRING GARDEN TOUR

The Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Audubon Society has decided to sponsor a Spring Garden Tour to be held in mid-May, 1958, as a new means of fund-raising for its Sanctuary Fund. The time and place and outlet for tickets will be announced later. Mrs. Suzanne Johnson, Phone OLYmpic 5-5182, will be chairman for this event. All members are urged to begin telling their friends and neighbors about this big new event on our calendar.

PAUL F. COVEL, *President*

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